



UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Officers of Administration Council

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

1:30–2:30 p.m. 109 Friendly

Members Present: Shelley Elliott, David Espinoza, Linda Leon, Tenaya Meaux, Rachele Raia

Members Excused: Cynthea McIntosh

Others Present: John Crosiar, Linda King, Paul van Donkelaar

Agenda

1) GUEST PRESENTATION

Paul van Donkelaar, vice president of the University Senate, came to the meeting to discuss potential governance changes for the UO.

1) This is a faculty initiative based on these issues:

- a. A new UO President can revisit internal governance structure
- b. UO Senate: currently has 7 vacancies (not a popular place for many faculty)
- c. Department of Justice: recently provided a voting/quorum opinion and gave recommendations for potential changes to the governance model. One recommendation is for faculty (tenure, NTTF, and president) to have a representative body to interface with administration.

2) Goal this year of UO Senate: new governance model proposal, which they will then take to the Presidential finalist(s) to give feedback, etc. The proposal as currently conceived includes:

- a. No Faculty Assembly
- b. University Senate (may have broader representation by non-faculty members: OAs, classified, UG students, GTFs, etc.)
 - i. Body that advises? Administration on broader UO topics
- c. Add Faculty Senate—only faculty-related issues
 - i. Legislative body that votes/decides issues related to tenure, curriculum, academically-related issues
 - ii. Interacting with Russ Tomlin

- d. Same VP and President of both senates (which means both are faculty members)
- e. Unclear whether vote required to make a change based on DOJ opinion

3) BUSINESS

- a. New Faculty Orientation: please try to attend even if only for the first 15 minutes for introductions; each member to submit 2 names of new OAs from the circulated list for Cynthea to contact to serve on OA Discussion Panel
- b. Annual Meeting: ideas on new time and format: tabled for next meeting
- c. Goals for 2008-9 OAC: members to provide edits and additions to draft circulated previously via e-mail for discussion during October 8 OAC meeting
- d. Comprehensive Review proposal: the council reviewed an e-mail request concerning a proposal for comprehensive reviews and determined that the OA Policy committee process should adequately address this issue.

4) MISC

- a. Bringing speakers to campus: tabled for next meeting
- b. Christmas Eve Holiday: Rachele to send reminder e-mail to Linda King on behalf of the OAC
- c. Plan 2008-9 OA Conversations: discussed the topic around the UO's History of Governance (with a more attractive title) based on the information presented during the meeting by Paul van Donkelaar

5) OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. OA Policy committee update: received timeline from Linda King re: online survey and indication that Linda King was conducting a comparative analysis of employment policies at other universities.
 - i. OAC requested that ranking be used in questionnaire to help evaluate importance of issues; that the survey be distributed to the OAC for review before distribution; and that the dates for the survey to be distributed be changed to October 9 to 24 instead of September 15 to October 15.